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In the past few weeks, eight dead birds have appeared on Joe Rivers' Deep Bay Road lawn. To reduce the risk of salmonella, he's cleaned out all of his bird feeders; other avian enthusiasts are asked to do the same.

New Minden Hills CAO to start in April

Gerry Morrison comes with 20 years' experience

by **ALLISON TAYLOR**
Times staff

It's been months in the making but Minden Hills council can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The search for a new chief administrative officer and clerk for the municipality is officially closed as council announced the newest addition to the township's payroll at a meeting last week.

In a unanimous decision during a closed-door meeting on February 28, Minden Hills hired Gerry Morrison to end the CAO search that began last October.

Morrison brings better than 20 years of municipal experience to the council table, Reeve Ross Rigney said during a break from the council meeting. He currently is the

clerk/treasurer/administrator in the Cramahe Township in Colborne, where he has worked for the past 10 years.

"We're very pleased," Rigney said. "We're glad to get him. We got a good guy."

Within the next week Morrison will be house hunting in the area with his family.

There were four candidates in this round of interviews. The municipality was in negotiations with a prospective candidate at the end of January, but an agreement between the two parties could not be reached. Minden Hills advertised for the position again in February and found Morrison to fill the void starting in April.

Treasurer Mary Jane Irwin has been filing the role as acting CAO-Clerk since the departure of Tammy McKelvey in January. She will continue with her role as treasurer.

Salmonella outbreak going to the birds in Minden

by **ALLISON TAYLOR**
Times staff

With eight dead birds spread eagle on his property within the last two weeks, Joe Rivers knew something was up and whatever it was, it was falling erratically from the skies over his Minden home.

"We didn't know what was happening so I decided to make a few calls," Rivers said standing in the middle of his front yard last week off Deep Bay Road.

Fresh snow had fallen and was now covering the ground where the dead birds were found only days ago.

With at least five feeders located strategically around his house and a variety of birds paying homage to the seed he dishes out on a regular basis, Rivers didn't know he was the latest victim of a salmonella epidemic that hit the province in January.

After he found the third or fourth bird puffing its feathers and falling dead around the base of the feeders, Rivers knew that something was up.

One of his first phone calls was to the Minden Animal Clinic.

"We've had a couple of calls and have heard some reports of sick birds in the area," said the clinic's veterinarian Peter Bennett.

There have been reports of birds dropping from the skies in Norland, Minden Hills and around the county; the source of the concern wasn't officially identified until recently.

Bennett sent a few samples from dead birds to the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre at the University of Guelph. Just recently they learned the results. The clinic has officially identified one dead bird with having salmonella in its system. The bird tested was an Evening Grosbeak and is the only bird in the county to be officially identified with the infectious bacteria known as salmonella.

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HIGHLANDS PROFILE

John and Lindsay Beaudry

Nordic trails put Haliburton County on the map

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Who would have thought that a mixture of small brown arrows pointing in one direction could be a form of communication?

For John and Lindsay Beaudry, those arrows are a language of the utmost importance.

There is more to this story, however, than pointing arrows.

For example, there is a series of precise lines both broken, straight and curvy, commonly used to earmark not only road ways, but also paths and trails. Then there is the legend, otherwise known as the key to under-

standing the endless symbols used as a guide to the unspoken word of this otherwise silent language.

It's a language everyone in the world has had to learn and use at some point and the Ingoldsby couple help to make it as easy as possible to understand. While they didn't invent the language, the Beaudrys certainly have made an effort to refine it.

It's the language of maps.

"I like to communicate," says John. "A map is another way for me to do that."

Working as a team, the couple creates, designs, develops and artistically defines maps of all shapes and sizes. The arrows on the latest communication all lead to the 2002 Nordic Trail Map for the Haliburton Nordic Trails.

The Beaudrys admit they don't frequent the cross country ski trails in the area, but they recognize the importance for such a project.

"Everybody needs a map at some time," says Lindsay, from the chesterfield of her living room on a wintery day. (The easiest way to find their heritage house between Lochlin and Ingoldsby is to look at the Studio Tour map; when not designing maps, the Beaudrys are creating one-of-a-kind birdhouses and topiary designs.)

The passion for map-making started after John got lost one day and only had an inaccurate map to help him get his bearings straight.

"I automatically wanted to redo it," he says.

With the constant influx of road names, new residents in the area and the creation of new cot-

Allison Taylor/TIMES



John and Lindsay Beaudry know where they are going and they know where they have been, and they likely used a map to do it. The couple worked together to create the Haliburton Nordic Trails Trail Map for 2002. They did the project out of their home in Ingoldsby in-between designs of bird houses and the millions of other projects they take on.

tages, "there really aren't that many accurate maps," Lindsay says.

The couple had the know-how and the ability to start making maps, right from their own home-office.

When designing a map, John says it is all in his mind.

"You don't have to be there," he says. "You have a picture in your mind of how it should look though."

Each map tells a different story, John says. They each have their own style, their own design and their own way to tell the story.

It's like any tool; the map changes according to the person who is sitting behind the wheel. In this case the Beaudrys were in control.

Working like a well-oiled machine, the couple finishes each other's sentences.

John puts the words (or elements) on the computer and Lindsay makes it look pretty. She lays out the images and creates all the ads for the map.

"It's a very convoluted process," she says.

They weren't totally alone.

The president of the Haliburton County Cross Country Ski Association, Blake Paton, buckled on his skis to make sure the maps were accurate on the ground. He was also a big part of the process.

"It's easier for us if the client is involved in the process," John said. "They usually know what they want, we just put it on paper."

John admits that the YMCA Camp Wanakita map was "murder" to design, because of the swamps.

"It's fun and I'm good at it though," he said.

The way a map is brought to life also depends on who the audience is, Lindsay says.

"Women tend to be visual drivers and look for visual information," she said. "They want to know where the white house is, or if the turn should be made before or after the store."

Just like skiers need to know distance, difficulty levels and any obstacles that might lie in their path.

"Each map is a unique piece of

work."

The Beaudrys, as a couple, are a map made in heaven.

With John as a graphic designer and Lindsay, the art director, map-making is only one piece of their puzzle of projects.

Besides the 2002 trail map for the Haliburton Nordic Trails, they also created the Studio Tour brochure (and created the map and the signage), dabble in business cards and brochures and have combined their talents in endless maps, from bike tours in Ottawa to the Canadian West Coast and beyond.

"We really do a mixed bag of things," Lindsay said, while her husband nodded his head in agreement.

On top of their mixed bag of projects, the couple also runs the Bird House Studio from the family home. The duo designs and makes bird houses to match people's houses, dreams or their wishes.

When it comes to skiing, the pair usually just treks around its own property.

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Stations of the Cross

On March 11, the World Youth Day cross is coming to Minden and local young people are invited to join in the global pilgrimage

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A once-in-a-lifetime event will take place in Minden one week from today, on March 11.

As part of the World Youth Day celebrations, which have expanded to 10 days since it was started in 1984 by Pope John Paul II, the Pilgrimage of the Cross will begin for the Peterborough diocese in Minden.

The Pilgrimage of the Cross, explains Elizabeth Doucette of the Burnt River area, who is helping to organize the event, is the first of three parts of the World Youth Day. Over the course of the next few months, the Cross will complete its pilgrimage to every diocese in Canada. The local Catholic diocese consists of 42 parishes in an area that stretches from Trout Creek in the north to the shore of Lake Ontario in the south and from Courtice, east to Wooler, which is near Trenton.

Elizabeth Doucette and her husband Brian are part of a core of eight or nine people who have organized the Pilgrimage of the Cross in this parish, which includes the Kinmount and Minden Catholic churches.

"We're very honoured and really fortunate that this parish has been chosen as the start of the Pilgrimage of the Cross for this diocese," Elizabeth said, noting the pilgrimage coincides with Lent as well as the start of March break. "It works out very well on both a spiritual and a practical level," she said.

The carrying of the cross by youth of the area is a big part of the pilgrimage. Teams of six young people, aged from 16 to 35, will carry the Cross in shifts from the Village Green in Minden to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Doucette said that youth volunteer Cross carriers are needed for this special occasion. "They don't have to be Catholic," she stressed. "We could use the muscle power."

The Cross weighs 31 kilograms, nearly 70 pounds. It measures 3.8 metres in height, about 12 feet, and the arms are 1.75 metres, more than five feet, wide.

"We would like to have at least three or four groups of six to carry the Cross in shifts," Doucette said.

She explained that the Cross is a symbol, much like the Olympic Torch. Over a few days, starting on March 11, the Cross will visit every parish within the Peterborough diocese. Immediately after the ceremonies in Minden, it will go to Bracebridge, Parry Sound and Huntsville before the end of the day. The following day it will be in Lindsay, Ennismore, Lakefield and Douro, before spending Wednesday, March 13 in Peterborough at various locations. The process will continue until all 42 parishes have had the chance to experience the Pilgrimage of the Cross.

The local event will feature music along the procession route. Earl Cooper will pipe the Cross into the church. Other musicians are expected to participate as well. Scripture, singing and praying will all be part of this special event.

"Ministers from many other churches are expected to attend," Doucette said, adding that the service, which is scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to noon, will be interdenominational. Father Bill Fellion, the priest from the Kinmount-Minden parish, will officiate.

A reception will be held after the ceremonies, with food and refreshments served at the church.

Doucette noted that the 16 to 35 age range represents the leaders of the church of the present and future.

"These are people old enough to take initiative," she said.

The work and commitment that the people of the Kinmount-Minden parish have demonstrated caught the attention of the local World Youth Day Diocesan co-ordinators Paul and Leisha Giddings. They were so impressed, they decided to give the local parish the first Pilgrimage of the Cross for the Peterborough diocese.

The second part of the World Youth Day celebrations is titled "Days In Diocese." It will take place from Thursday, July 18 to Sunday, July 21. During that time youth from all over the world will come to Canada and stay with families here for a few days before attending the big event in Toronto. "They will live in our homes and experience our culture," Doucette said. The local parish already has commitments to billet 140 people from as far away as India and Africa and Doucette said she expects 200 or more to come to this area, "right here in our little parish," for four days in July. After the four-day stay with their hosts, the youth will travel to Toronto on Monday, July 22. From the 23rd to 26th, they will attend a Youth Festival in Toronto and on the 27th and 28th an overnight Vigil and Papal Mass will be held.

The theme of this year's World Youth Day event is: "You are the salt of the earth.... you are the light of the

world." It is from the Bible - Matthew 5:13-14. A total of 450,000 young people from around the world are expected to make the pilgrimage to Toronto for the World Youth Day celebrations.

World Youth Day has a special significance for Elizabeth and Brian Doucette. This will be the fourth such event they have attended. Their first was in Denver, which is the closest it has been to this area before this year. That is where they met in 1993. The second for the local couple was in the Philippines, which is where Brian asked Elizabeth to marry him in 1995. The third was in France in 1997, and it included their first born child.

"It's really exciting to have it here (in Canada)," Elizabeth said. "It will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for some people. It's such an incredible event; to be in a sea of people from all over the world; to share your faith; and to make new friends."

Any youth interested in carrying the Cross should meet at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Bobcaygeon Road, near Highway 35, at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11. For more information, or to express an intent to help, contact Julie Gray at 457-1011 or 286-2497 or log on to the Peterborough Diocese website at: www.surenet.net/~wwjd/wyd_peterborough.



New Year's Baby

Little Joscha Krauss will spend the first few weeks of his life in the Minden area, but he'll soon be heading home to Germany with his parents, Andrea Lang and Stefan Krauss. The family was visiting relatives in the Highlands when on February 20 Joscha became the first baby born at Haliburton Hospital in 2002.



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Songbirds hit hardest by salmonella outbreak

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There have been hundreds of reported cases of salmonella affecting birds across the province, but so far only one official case in Minden Hills.

The bacteria is not uncommon and can occasionally reach epidemic proportions, as was the case with a major outbreak in 1998.

Usually spread through contact with contaminated bird droppings, the disease tends to congregate at bird feeders, where it passes quickly through the bird population.

It is imperative to regularly clean feeders to minimize the spread of salmonella, Bennett warns.

The initial source of the problem is unclear, but the seriousness of the issue is not, Bennett says.

Songbirds appear to be hit the hardest with redpolls leading the way. Redpolls are a northern



Joe Rivers hangs up his newly-cleaned feeder.

bird that winter in Ontario. Pine Siskins and American goldfinches have also been falling off their perches in Ontario.

As Rivers stood on his property pointing to where the dead had fallen, the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden was fielding fewer calls.

After receiving at least a

phone call a day over the past few weeks with questions revolving around sick birds, the public concerns are starting to fade, says Biologist Gerry Moraal. "Word started to get around" about the cause of the birds' deaths.

Three weeks ago the MNR collected 12 birds and sent samples from them to the health centre in Guelph for testing. They have yet to get the results from that specific study, but it is probable the birds were infected with salmonella, he said.

"Where there's one, there is usually more," Bennett says.

Since then, the MNR discovered a dead owl in the area.

The cause of the owl's death is not known, but since they tend to feed off smaller birds, there is some chance it could be affected with salmonella, Moraal said.

If dead birds start appearing on your property, Moraal recommends wearing gloves and

ensuring they are well packed in the garbage and away from other animals.

"There is no sense in testing every bird," he said.

Moraal isn't trying to discourage the use of bird feeders. "As long as people clean them on a regular basis it will help reduce the spread of disease," he said.

He also recommends putting enough feed out on a daily basis and not overloading to feeder.

"You get so many birds congregating in one place it can cause a lot of congestion and the spread of salmonella."

Salmonella can also affect the family pooch, Bennett says, but humans are more susceptible.

"If you get it on your fingers and then lick your fingers the likelihood of developing the bacteria is high," Bennett said.

If cats and dogs chase birds and feed on them, they can also develop a form of the bacteria, although they would have to eat

a lot of the infected birds to develop any of the symptoms.

Although there haven't been any reported cases in Canada of humans contracting salmonella from dead birds it can cause a serious infection for humans and their pets.

Moraal recommends using common sense:

- Wear rubber gloves when handling dead birds or cleaning feeders or bird baths.
- Disinfect bird feeders and baths using a 10 per cent chlorine bleach solution and 90 per cent water to minimize the spread to other wild birds; rinse with clear water and dry feeders before adding feed.
- Use a bucket to wash bird feeders; do not use the kitchen sink.
- Use a scoop or wear gloves when handling feed.
- Always wash hands with warm soapy water following the above mentioned activities.

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Public speaking takes centre stage in Minden

Junior winners

(Top photo) Francine Newton of the Minden Legion Branch 636 (right) presented the prizes to the first, second and third place winners of the Elementary School Public Speaking Contest February 25. The winners are, left to right: First Marcus Hewitt, with his topic Public Speaking; second, with his topic My Dog, was Joey Findeis; and third went to Kayla Wood, with her topic Life as a Clown.

Intermediate winners

(Second photo) First place in the Intermediate division of the Minden Legion Branch 636 Elementary School Public Speaking Contest was won by Jacob Findeis, with his topic Money; second, with his topic Gum, went to Tanner Graham; and third, with her topic Swimming, was won by Melanie Shapiera. The prizes were presented by Legion representative Francine Newton.

Photos by Jerry Grozelle



Hwy 35 traffic lights spark confusion

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The new traffic signals on Highway 35 in Minden are confusing to some and frustrating to others.

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP issued a public information bulletin recently noting that some complaints have been received regarding near accidents at the traffic lights. The bulletin advised that several incidents had occurred at two of the three sets of lights that have been in operation since last fall. The two traffic signals that are causing the problems are the ones at Highway 35 and Newcastle Street/South Lake Road and at South Water Street and Highway 35.

"Both of these intersections have left turn arrow signals," the news release cautions. "Drivers should only be turning left from the left turning lane when these arrow lights are illuminated."

OPP Constable Laura Ostler noted in the bulletin that there have been several near misses reported at these two sites when drivers turned left without the left turn signal illuminated and oncoming drivers were forced to take evasive action.

Ostler also pointed out that sev-

eral complaints have been received by the OPP from school bus drivers who said drivers were not stopping in other lanes of traffic when buses were stopped with the flashers activated and passengers were disembarking.

Ostler stated that all lanes of traffic in both directions must stop for a school bus with its caution lights flashing.

Bob Nichols of the Ministry of Transportation said that since the traffic lights on Highway 35 in Minden are relatively new, the Ministry is "continuing to closely monitor such things as traffic flow and driver reaction" to the traffic signals.

"We haven't had any formal complaints yet," he said. "Any complaints will be looked at immediately."

Nichols said all highway traffic signals are monitored for efficiency and safety, and particular attention is paid to new installations such as the ones in Minden.

The lights at Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Street don't seem to be causing any problems. The traffic light system is different at that location, without the dedicated left turn indicators.

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Irondale will not move out of Minden's responsibility

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

It's not the scenario they wanted, but representatives from the proposed Irondale community centre were simply eager to move forward after a Minden Hills council meeting last week.

"We wanted to run the community centre on our own," said the centre's president Don Dyson. "Lochlin runs its own community centre and we were hoping for the same."

Instead of having autonomy from their mother council in Minden Hills, Dyson, his wife Barb who is treasurer of the centre, Barry Simmons, vice president and Maxine Marr settled for the next best thing - progress.

"We're just happy to be moving forward," Marr said.

On advice from the township's solicitor, Minden Hills decided to establish an advisory board for the group, consisting of two council members and five elected individuals.

"That committee has to be appointed by council and all funding has to be approved by council," said Councillor Peter Oyler to the four somber faces sitting in the audience.

The decision caused a somewhat heated debate by councillors, but the discussion finally ended in agreement with the council only wanting to move forward.

The proposal to build a community centre in Irondale has been a long and drawn-out process for the 50-odd supporters of the initiative. The members initially proposed to construct a building in Irondale long before Minden Hills' amalgamation.

On land given to Irondale from the former township of Glamorgan (now part of Highlands East), community members in Irondale already have a portable to act as the main building for the centre. They've simply been having difficult moving forward. The land was sold to the former

"It's like asking the board if they want to live in Canada or Quebec."

COUNCILLOR RON BUCHANAN

township of Snowdon for \$1 and has failed to make any progress since Snowdon's amalgamation with Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden to become Minden Hills.

The other catch is that community members' homes are equally split between Minden Hills and Highlands East.

"We want to stay in Minden Hills and get on with it," Dyson told the council. "We're not out to change municipalities. We just want to have a community centre."

Minden Hills flip-flopped over the past month over what should be done with the responsibility of the Irondale community centre's financial future, but the latest information over the possibility of the community centre switching municipal allegiance got Councillor Ron Buchanan's blood boiling.

"Selling the property to another municipality is not on the table. If we are looking at the economic benefit of this then we should just sell all of the former township of Snowdon," he said sarcastically.

"When does a board decide that they want to separate and go to another municipality," Buchanan asked.

"It's up to our council to meet with Highlands East to decide if we want to chop-off a piece of our property. It's like asking the board if they want to live in Canada or Quebec."

At a recent meeting of Highlands East Reeve Keith

Tallman made a minor suggestion that his municipality could resume ownership of the land.

Instead of manufacturing a national dilemma, Councillor Bill Valentine said the municipality has no intention of moving Irondale out of Minden Hills, "just giving them control. They are half and half in two different townships."

Part of the delay was because Minden Hills required a detailed business plan from the group before they even considered the matter any further. They now have that plan and health and building permits are on the way.

"The health unit said they are ready to give approval they just need to know who to issue them to," said Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron.

Buchanan said Minden Hills is the owner and any documentation should be issued to it.

This time, the person whose blood was boiling sat across the table from Buchanan.

"Minden Hills owns the land, why are we throwing brakes on all the time? I want the municipality to handle all the finances for the community centre," said Councillor Ingram Wessell. "Let's just move ahead."

There were three decisions the council had to choose from, Oyler said.

Minden Hills could sell the land to Highlands East; they could establish an advisory board and permit the Irondale community to establish its own programs and use the facilities; or they could create a board of management in order to allow the group to run the community centre.

The former option would require that all board members be electors in Minden Hills, said Deputy-Clerk Twyla Nicholson. In other words the management board members would all have to live in Minden Hills, and at present, some of them don't.

"I'm open to any of the three," Oyler said. "I just want to resolve it so they can move on."

The option of the advisory board won over and the community centre will continue to raise funds, with the financial assistance of Minden Hills.

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A new woman in the highlands

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Move over cars, trucks and snowmobiles, there's a new woman in town and her name is #37.

No, it's not a new character on Star Trek dressed to kill in some tight body forming attire, it's an elk.

The fearless female has been seen hanging around on County Road #14 near Eagle Lake, says Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Gerry Moraal.

More importantly she appears to be ready to stay.

"It just stands there on the road," Moraal said after spending a good chunk of time last week trying to scare her away from the regular flow of traffic.

"It seemed to be docile and tame," he said. "It didn't look like something was wrong with it."

The elk sported an ear tag with the #37 on it, identifying herself as one of the elk released around the Bancroft area, in association with the Elk Restoration Project.

She has travelled a long way.

Many of her elk buddies have been spotted either passing through or settling in the county, while others have been sighted as far south as the 401 near Belleville.

The Eagle Lake damsel is around three or four years old and likely had a calf last year, Moraal said. She is not a damsel in distress, yet.

After getting within feet of the large animal, Moraal said she wasn't afraid of people at all, which poses a concern to the MNR.

Number 37 has been seen north of Eagle Lake along



Elk number 37 suddenly appeared on county road #14 near Eagle Lake last week and she didn't want to pull over. Staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources have been trying to move her off the road.

the road from Fawn's Point to Sunset Trail. Several people have reported sighting of the lone elk, and they haven't spotted her calf yet.

The MNR requests the public to use caution when they are driving in and around Eagle Lake.

"We are hopeful she will just move off," Moraal said.

Six males steal a snowmobile

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Witnesses saw six males steal a 1998 Yamaha SRX 700 cc snowmobile from the Northwood Inn's parking lot on Hwy. 118 in Haliburton on February 23.

The theft occurred at 2:30 a.m. and the thieves put the snowmobile into the back of a red Ford quad cab truck. The truck then headed towards West Guilford.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-563-8477 or the OPP at 286-1431.

Impaired driving

A 60-year-old Haliburton man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs after officers saw a pick up truck exit the IGA parking lot in Haliburton, cross the centre lane and then travel on the shoulder of the road. The vehicle was then stopped. The incident occurred February 26.

A 67-year-old Minden Hills man was charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs when an officer observed a pick up truck parked at the side of the road at the junction of Horseshoe Lake Road and Hwy 35 on February 23.

Break and enter

Two cottages on Davis Lake Road were ransacked but liquor was the only thing stolen from them some time since February 19. The suspect(s) gained entry by prying windows open.

Several items were stolen from a fish hut on Drag Lake.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What's the capacity of your hard drive?

How many of us truly appreciate the value of the resources stored in a human mind, especially when that mind has an accumulation of 60, 70.... even 90 years or more of information that has been collected.

Most of us, when in our youth, view the older generations with suspicions. Our parents, in our prejudiced opinions, were viewed as complete morons, especially when their decisions on such matters as time allotted for recreational activities and the like, failed to meet our youthful expectations.

And what about those times when a perfectly reasonable question resulted in an answer that was somewhat slower and/or evasive and/or incoherent and/or unacceptable? The only logical answer to one who is chronologically challenged is that the person of advanced years, or chronologically gifted, is out to lunch; a few bricks shy of a load; half a bubble off plumb; or any one of dozens of other uncomplimentary expressions.

For those of us who have advanced past our teen years, sailed through our 20s, 30s, 40s and beyond, there is a way to explain to our juniors why and how we think and respond the way we do. All we have to do is explain things in computer terms. It would be hard to find a teen or 20-something individual who doesn't have a grasp of computer terminology and jargon in this era of human existence.

Unlike computers, the processor speeds of which are increasing at break-neck speed, the human brain's processor speed hasn't changed much over the past few centuries. Granted, some minds – Albert Einstein – among others, may have had their processors tweaked or turbo-charged at the factory, but on average, we're all pretty much the same. So, if it takes more than a nanosecond or two for the average person of advanced years to respond, it's not because the wheels – hard drive – isn't spinning as fast as that of a 20-year-old.

It's just that the CPU is working harder to process the information contained on the hard drive.

The hard drive of the average 20 year-old contains a mere 20-years worth of accumulation of information in the form of a few hundred megabytes of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and sensations of touch for the processor to sort out. In short, the hard drive still has plenty of room to spare. If it is true, what the so-called experts say, that we don't use much more than 10 per cent of our brain's capacity, a few hundred megabytes shouldn't cause any bottle-necks.

As we advance chronologically, the information accumulated through human experience, over an extended period of time, reaches into gigabyte proportions. Given processor speeds of basically equal values, it is reasonable to expect response times to be a few nanoseconds slower as the cache in one's RAM increases. It's a small price to pay.

In the world of computers, there are ways of fine tuning a system to achieve optimum performance. Unfortunately, there is no defrag option in the case of the human mind and a thorough scandisk is best left to a physician, psychologist, psychiatrist or other qualified professional. Reformatting the hard drive is not a viable option. You can't just open up the case and reconfigure the circuit board by adjusting a DIP switch here and there. Enhancing the capacity of a human mind is not a simple plug and play situation. There are no USB ports. It's strictly WYSWYG and ne'er the TWIN shall meet.

jg



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Rain drops keep falling

by DARREN LUM/TIMES

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Will it be 911 or flowers in Minden?

To the Editor:

Let's get this straight – Ross Rigney, our reeve, said the town cannot afford to help the 911 committee, but the town will water the flowers. So, are the flowers going to be used when someone dies when emergency services could not find the location in time?

Another example were lives do not count by our present council, is when it refuses to maintain roads. No help for 911. Welcome to Minden Hills – just don't be in need of help.

Last year's promotions budget was \$15,464. What is the cost to taxpayers for council members to

go to out of town conventions, as I am informed they are paid mileage on top of cost of the convention and accommodation. If we can not afford the time or cost of 911 services then we can not afford all the extra cost that the town pays (promotions, museums, barbeque – the list is long). What is more importation flowers, flags, conventions or human life?

P.S.. It must be a full moon out because I cannot believe this is happening!

Yours truly,
Charles Gerdtschke,
Moore's Lake

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Nothing doin'

Recently, a friend of the family complimented me in a backhanded way, which would have been more appropriate had he been a tennis player. He said that he marvels at the way I can write about nothing and turn it into an entertaining column. Naturally, I replied, "Aw shucks, it's nothing." Or, if I didn't, I wish I had. In any case, I'm glad he made that observation. Otherwise, I'd have nothing to write about this week.

Thinking back on past columns, it's not hard to see that he was right. I do spend a lot of time writing about nothing. Even my last startling expose on high-altitude flatulence was nothing that anyone could sink their teeth into.

That's because, long ago, I was given valuable advice: I was told that a writer should write about what he or she knows best. Some writers know human behaviour, some know sports, some politics. Of course, after giving it some thought, I realized I know nothing. It's something I've always known better than most.

Since early childhood, I've had a flair for nothing. In school, all my teachers were constantly amazed by my propensity not only to theorize about it but also to put it into practice, often for hours at a time. Recess was my best subject and I knew the zero times tables cold. I still do, although now I have to think about it once we get into double digits. The point is, at school I learned that nothing is impossible for a person who doesn't have to do it. It's a lesson that's carried me this far in life.

Back in those younger days, my parents would often be looking to blame one of us kids for some minor unsolved disaster that we were generally responsible for. At times like those, every one of us would pipe up with, "Honest

Dad, I didn't do nothing." But it was only me who really meant it. My brother has always been too busy to do nothing and my sister could just never keep her nose out of it.

Then, as a teenager, I remember there was a lengthy period where I was primarily concerned with sweet nothings. And, despite this, I recall telling one girlfriend's father about my honourable intentions. Of course, in hindsight, nothing could have been further from the truth.

Even now, I often tell my wife that nothing is too good for her and she smiles back and assures me that I'm good for nothing too. With this in mind, we know that nothing can stand between us.

Nothing has played a great part in the history of mankind too. Will Durant once

said, "One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say." Some of our greatest politicians have lived by those words.

In fact, we have been great practitioners of nothing since Adam's days of loafing in the Garden of Eden. Before that bad break with the apple, I'm pretty sure it's what God intended for us to do. That's why we brought nothing into this world and will carry nothing out.

With the present article excepted, nothing also has a proud literary tradition. Shakespeare wrote, "Much ado about nothing." He also did a whole play about the domestication of a rodent. Now there was a writer.

Look, maybe I was just grasping at straws here. Perhaps, this column didn't have that certain something required to be either humorous or entertaining. Then again, nothing ventured, nothing gained...



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Steve Galea

Don't fence me in

It is easy to fly into a passion - anybody can do that - but to be angry with the right person to the right extent at the right time in the right way - that is not easy, and it is not everyone who can do it.

Aristotle

As the Greek knew what he was talking about. I speak as a man who has a crushed computer mouse mounted on his office wall; a near-citation for contempt from a traffic court judge; and a legion of adversaries from my past who would pass on the opportunity to micturate in my ear if my brain was on fire.

I never planned on having a temper. I actually dreamed of becoming one of those suave, laid-back European types, all hooded eyes and Gallic shrugs, devastating my opponents with withering, monosyllabic whispered asides. Instead I matured (I use the word loosely) as a human Krakatoa with a short fuse and a hair-trigger lip. I'd so much rather be Cary Grant.

Or better still - The Fencemaster.

That's not his real name, but that's what he calls himself.

Here is what I know about The Fencemaster: He's a Brit who lives in London, in his late 30's, an office worker who cycles to work each day. That's because he got tired of London's notorious traffic jams, not to mention road rage eruptions and frantic hunts for parking spaces. He discovered, as many urban cyclists have, that pedaling to work each day spared him all that grief and added a patina of serenity to his daily grind.

Thus it was a shock for him to dismount one day in front of the iron fence to which he customarily chained his bike and be confronted by a sign that read:

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It is important to know three things here. First, the De Walden family is one of the UK's wealthiest landowners. Secondly, the fence in question is in front

of a vacant lot. Thirdly, the message was clearly aimed at our hero - he was the only person who ever chained his bike to the fence.

Our hero was surprised, then miffed. Here he was, braving the elements on a bicycle to make his city of 8.5 million citizens somewhat less car-clogged and air-polluted - being told to move on like some kind of vagrant. The smouldering resentment turned to outrage - but quiet outrage, quintessentially British outrage.

He dutifully chained his bike elsewhere, muttering to himself: "bicycles will be removed, eh? Nothing about oh, say, kettles..."

He went home, calmly drilled two holes in the bottom of a tea kettle, brought it to work next day and padlocked it to the fence. The kettle on the fence - surprise, surprise - attracted the attention of passers-by. Tourists started to have their pictures taken standing next to it.



ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

The Fencemaster wasn't through. Next he attached a steam iron. Then a refrigerator door. Pretty soon other folks got into the act. An ironing board was chained to the fence. A Georgia license plate. Stuffed animals. Champagne flutes.

To say that The Fencemaster has caught the imagination of little people everywhere would be an understatement.

The fence in question now can barely be seen for all the objects that are attached to it.

The Fencemaster has set up a website (www.whatshouldiputonthe fence.com). At last count more than three million people had visited the site.

The landlords (who must wish they'd never put up that sign) have sicced the police on The Fencemaster.

He came home one day to find three massive bobbies on his doorstep waiting to have a word with him. They turned out to be fans of the website.

They suggested that "it might be a good idea not to attach things to the fence anymore" but added "we realize of course you can't stop other people from attaching things to the fence."

The Fencemaster can't be certain, but he thinks the bobbies winked.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

To the Editor:

After reading the "clean and clear" article and Mr. Sharpless' subsequent response, I feel compelled to speak out in strong condemnation of the by-law. I have been a permanent resident of the Minden area since the day I was born or at least for 36 of my 47-years and I cannot, in all conscience, support this by-law or any council that would pass it. My reasons, basically, are two-fold. Actually, they're not just reasons, they are rules to live by. Rule #1. Never give away your rights. Rule #2. Never punish the poor for

being poor.

If today you give the government the right to tell you to get that car off those cement blocks, then tomorrow they may think they also have the right to tell you to get a nice coat of paint over that primer and then park it in a garage. That's not a problem, I suppose, if you can afford the cost of the paint job and the expense of building a garage. But, in case you haven't noticed, Mr. Sharpless, there are a lot of poor folks around here. I believe Haliburton is called an "economically depressed" area.

Also, there are times when reward works better than punishment. Maybe, this is one of them. A tax reduction incentive for clean-up, perhaps? Boy, you can almost hear the council cringe with that suggestion, eh?

Some questions. Is it possible that this heavy reliance on the tourist dollar is in some measure responsible for the aforementioned "economic depression"? Is Georgina Township also heavily reliant on the tourist dollar or is that maybe not a fair comparison? And, finally, who is it exactly who is going to define, for legal purposes, "neat and tidy"?

As for protecting my property value, I bought my home so I'd have a place to live. If you bought yours as an investment, perhaps you should have chosen more wisely - maybe in a less "economically depressed" area. Just something to think about!

Joy Mann,
General Delivery,
Carnarvon

Free to good home

Have some furniture you no longer want? Why not put a free ad in The Times to find a new home for it

by CATHY OLLIFFE
Times staff

If you have something you want to give away, The Times will give you a free classified ad to help you get rid of it.

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The idea for the free ads came about when Times staff saw how much furniture was being dumped at local landfill sites. Have you ever seen some of the furniture that gets dumped? Some of it is nicer than the stuff in our living rooms. Some, admittedly, should stay at the dump where it belongs. But there are people in our community who could use a free couch,

or a free dining room table or a free fridge if it's in good condition.

The free Echo ads prevent the need to find the space to warehouse used furniture and appliances. If somebody who needs a couch reads it in the paper, they can go and see the couch for themselves – if they want it, great. They can take it. If not, then maybe the landfill is the place for it after all.

Even if only a few people are helped – and only a few couches are saved an ignoble ending at the dump – the free ads will have been well worth it.

Fine Print: The ad should be no more than 15 words long, including your phone number, and you must either drop it off at The Times in person, fax it to 286-4768 or e-mail it to editor@mindentimes.on.ca. No phone calls, please. Free ads are limited to a two-week run.

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Darren Lumr/TIMES

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Minden firefighters will not be asked to donate time to 911

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Minden Hills council meeting held on February 28.

Despite pleas from the county table, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney will not ask firefighters to donate their volunteer time to help compile information for the 911 project.

With words of praise from Councillor Bill Valentine for taking a stance against asking volunteer firefighters, Rigney was adamant in his decision to keep the firefighters out of the picture. He said they are volunteers and have jobs of their own.

"Our firefighters haven't got any time to do that. I'm not anti-anything with this project I just don't want to spend time on duplication and triplication," Rigney said. "All I want to know is what we are going to do."

At their last meeting county council was told the 911 department will be unable to meet the goal of introducing the emergency telephone system by July of 2004 unless the municipalities volunteered some time.

Councillors were concerned ratepayers would think they were anti-911 because of their desire to keep firefighters off the scene.

"No one is against 911," said Oyler. "We are solidly behind 911."

The 911 committee is having difficulty getting information from the public, Oyler said. "Maybe they aren't doing a good enough job in respect to that."

Oyler suggested Minden Hills ask the cottage associations to submit information in order to get the somewhat delayed project back up to speed.

"The big problem is participation. I

would hope we would encourage the public to act and to respond. As for our fire department I'm with you on that one," Oyler said.

Rigney said there was also a limit on what they could ask the lake associations to do.

"The big cost of 911 is the signage and we didn't know producing numbered posts was necessary on everyone's driveway," Rigney said.

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon said the roadblocks in the project don't seem to stop.

"They seem to make so much progress before they stop again," he said.

County council bought into a project with a specific time frame, and "every month we get a report from 911 and there is something holding them back," he said. "If you don't set deadlines you never meet them."

Part of the problem is that people don't know enough information about where they live, he said.

The municipality is sending out information on the 911 project in the tax bill. Hopefully it will increase the knowledge and response back from citizens, said Councillor Bill Obee.

New flags on the way

Clear some space on your flagpole, a new addition to the municipality is set to be flapping in the wind.

Now that Minden Hills has hired a new Chief Administrative Officer-Clerk, the municipality is set to order a whack of letterhead and a heap of corporate flags.

The big question was how many and how much.

"One for each household," Obee said

with a laugh. "I think they should be available for purchase. Some people like to fly a flag and I think we are going that way as Canadian citizens."

Council decided to buy 100 of the wind-wagging materials that will be sporting the township's logo.

They have just been ordered but will be available to the public for \$50 a flag.

"We each have to buy one," Rigney said, "that's seven of 50 already gone."

A lot of people will decorate up their houses, he added.

Clean and Clear Bylaw

The contentious issue will be tabled at the March council meeting.

Official Plan

In an effort to make headway on the municipality's official plan, council requested proposals from five consultants.

Emergency Plan

A special meeting to review the township's official plan will be held in March. Councillors, fire officials and Ontario Provincial Police will be on hand to critically evaluate the plan. Once the council has a plan they approve of, it will be forwarded for provincial approval.

Healthy Futures grant

Despite a few dents in the plan, the application for the Healthy Futures grant with the provincial government will proceed.

Councillor Ingram Wessell expressed a few concerns with councils's decision to

apply for the funding.

"After reading it, it's a little shaky looking," he said of the township's chance of being accepted into the funding program.

The grant is a way for the municipality to offset financial expenses of the septic reinspection program.

A large component of the application process is having an agricultural component. The Haliburton County Farmer's Association is on board with a separate application being submitted from the township of Algonquin Highlands.

Wessell was concerned that without the support of the county's farmers, the application wouldn't be as strong or as likely to succeed.

But Rigney felt otherwise.

"We can get a letter of support from the farmers' association," he said. "There are other organizations who qualify."

Rigney said it would be wrong for the application not to be processed.

"We've torn up a lot of time in this but at least we've tried," Rigney said.

The Healthy Futures grant is from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and is a four-year initiative that among other things helps to improve rural water quality.

Councillor Bill Obee said he heard from several ratepayers who would be very happy to get any financial assistance from the program.

"I'm hopeful ratepayers will be able to take advantage of the grants and be able to upgrade their septic systems," said Councillor Peter Oyler.

Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Algonquin East put forward a joint application before the deadline on March 1.

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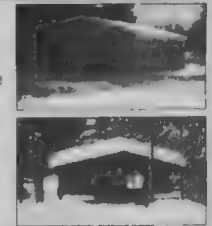
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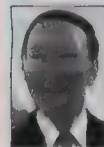
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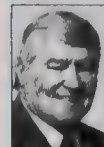
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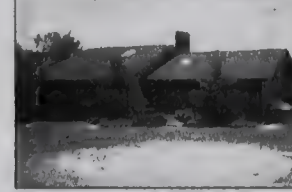
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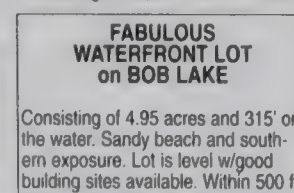
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The third annual OPP hockey game against the Grade 7 and 8 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School ended in a 7-7 tie. Teachers and students came out to cheer on the boys and girls who played well against the police and enjoy the on-ice shenanigans at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on February 27.



Darren Lum/TIMES

In the photo above, Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli, presents a plaque to Minden Godfather's Manager Brenda Cochrane for supplying pizza for the annual OPP versus the Elementary Schools hockey games for the past three years. The games are played in Haliburton against JDHES Grade 7 and 8 students and in Minden against ASES 7 and 8 students. ASES Vice-Principal, Rick Thorne (right) refereed the game in Minden. The photo at right, is action from the game.

Kids battle cops: No arrests



Darren Lum/TIMES

by ANDREW PAUL
Special to the Times staff

The Novice A Highland Storm, sponsored by the Pepper Mill Restaurant, played host to the two-time Regional Champion Port Carling Thunder recently.

The Thunder rolled to a fast start scoring two quick goals by the two minute mark.

The Storm players awakened, realizing that they had quite a fight on their hands to stay in this one and answered just three seconds later on an unassisted goal by Scott Griffith and then again at 2:45 on an unassisted goal by Keaton Gadway. The Thunder players were a fast skating firebrand style team with quick break-outs. They continued to drive to the net and scored again with 3:24 left in the period.

Thunder Storms and firebrands

The Storm rose to the occasion, answering on a nice point shot from Matthew Gallagher, assisted by Ian Bottum and Griffith a minute and two seconds later and the first period ended in a 3-3 tie.

The Storm intensified in the second period by taking the game to the Thunder. Griffith scored another unassisted goal. Then, from a melee around the Thunder cage, Drew Paul's point shot hit the post. With the Storm on the attack, Brandon Yake snapped in a rebound, assisted by Hicks and Chris Judge.

The Storm really put the heat on by holding the opposition in its own end for a two minute span. The Thunder was not to be

denied and true to form, scored with just 14 seconds left in the second frame from another fast out-break play.

Zack Harrison was tested often as the Thunder rolled in at him at tremendous speeds and bowled huge thunder clappers. Mike Callaghan was kept busy trying to match the speed of the Thunder forwards. The second period ended with the Storm ahead 5-4.

The Storm opened the third period with a goal by Gadway. This marker saw Bottum, lug the puck from his own end to set up Gadway's goal.

The Storm defensive unit of Paul and Gallagher continued to be instrumental in

hemming the Thunder in. The Storm continued to rage around the Thunder cage.

Once again the speed of the Thunder squad was evident as Port Carling hit for another quick strike at the 4:55 mark.

The Storm players continued to take the game to the Thunder by pressing for another goal. Yake hit the post with 3:23 left, but a minute later the Storm was rewarded for its hard work when Judge scored.

The excitement built with the Thunder net empty for the last 50 seconds.

Paul put one into the empty net in the dying seconds, but the play was offside.

The spectators were royally treated to plenty of fast action in this game. They saw excellent play-making, skating and passing in a very entertaining game. The final score was: Storm 7, Thunder 5.

OMHA Pee wee Storm advances to semifinals

by ANDY LENNOX
Special to The Times

The G.J. Burtch/Ronald Sisson Builders Pee wee Storm hockey team advanced to the all-Ontario semifinals by defeating a strong Lakefield team with a decisive 6-3 victory on February 24. This fifth game victory was the series winner for the Storm players, who advance to take on Paris in the coming weeks.

The Storm victory surprised many. The team won game one with a come-from-behind overtime victory, despite being outplayed for most of the game.

The Highland team won game two, but only because Storm goaltender Ian Sachs stole the game for the outplayed squad. The Storm lost games three and four decisively and so, despite being tied 2-2 in the series, many observers felt the Storm was overmatched going into the final game.

Maybe it was because the players started to recover from the flu epidemic, or maybe it was because the addition of two AP players created a much-needed third line, or maybe it was just a great effort. What ever the reason, the Storm, for the first time since the third period of the first game, was able to match Lakefield shot for shot and chance for chance in the fifth game.

In the first two periods of the game the

Storm players amassed a 3-0 lead because they scored on their good chances and Lakefield could not. Ryan Bottum scored twice and Cody Mills once to put the Storm out in front and goaltender Mike Lennox denied every Lakefield opportunity to ensure the his team went into the third period with a commanding three-goal lead.

Lakefield came out strong in the third and the Storm ran into some penalty trouble, but the teams basically tied the third period with each scoring three goals. Thus, the early three goal lead stood at the end as the Storm won this crucial and exciting game by a 6-3 margin.

Ryan Bottum scored another pair in the third period to give him an outstanding four goals in the game and Sherri Walker scored one as well with a very determined second effort.

The first game of the series featured lots of goals, serious momentum swings and a miracle finish for the Storm. Lakefield dominated the first two periods of the game and amassed a 4-1 lead after two periods of play. Scott Lewis was the lone scorer for the Storm.

The Storm came out flying for the third period, though, and on the strength of goals from Connor MacMillan, Adam Sisson and Dylan Metcalfe and great goaltending by Ian Sachs, the Storm pulled close. Trailing by a 5-4 margin

with the game clock ticking down, Storm coaching staff pulled their goalie and scored with 40 seconds left to tie the game.

In overtime, the Storm scored to win the first game when Lewis drained a high backhand from the slot.

The Storm traveled to Lakefield for game two. Lakefield held the edge throughout the game but stellar work by Sachs and the defensive corps of Jeff

Burk, Ryan Bottum, Adam Googh and MacMillan prevailed. The Storm won game two by a 3-1 margin, with a pair of goals from Metcalfe and a single from Sherri Walker.

Game three took place in Haliburton and was won decisively (7-1) by the visitors. Bottum scored the lone Storm goal. The entire Storm team is full value for this victory and is looking forward to its upcoming series against Paris.

5.6 pound fish earns angler \$160

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Neil Weedon of Toronto Took home first prize in the annual Murray Scott Ice Fishing Derby, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Weedon's big fish was a 5.609 pound lake trout. The big fish of the day earned the lucky/skillful angler \$160.

A total of 32 anglers took part in this year's event, held Saturday, February 23 on moose and Eagle Lakes.

Second place in the derby went to Bruce Swinson of Minden. His catch was a 4.544 pound lake trout, which earned him \$95 in prize money. Third place, and \$65 went to Chris Coombs of Haliburton with a laker weighing 4.390 pounds.

Honourable mention goes to Ray Barton, who had the third place fish, a 2.861 pound

laker, until the Weedon fish was weighed in at about 3:30, 15 minutes before the deadline.

HHOA Fund-Raising Chair Danny Johnson expressed his appreciation to the businesses that donated draw prizes for the event and to Marj Kennedy and Larry Tupling for providing facilities at Silver Eagle Lodge. Johnson also thanked Larry Paudash, Roy Scott, John Ball and Ron Draper for helping with the derby.

"I think everybody had a good time," Johnson said. "We had a really good day for the derby."

Johnson said the next fund-raiser for the Association is the annual Wild Game Dinner and Dance at the Haliburton Legion on March 16. Although the dinner is sold out, he said there will be some dance tickets at the door.

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Rob Eaton 7, Dan Garbutt 5
Don Ballantyne 10, Ross Wray 7
Ted Wilkes 9, Ross Bryant 5

Thursday Mixed League

Rob Eaton 11, Pat Woodcroft 2
Ross Bryant 9, Peter McNeillage 1
Jim Burrows 9, Pat Campbell 3
Cheryl Murdoch 13, Melanie Vigrass 6
Ted Wilkes 7, Dan Garbutt 3
Jack Taylor 9, Don Ballantyne

5
Zelda Cooper 13, Sandy Cole 5

Friday Mixed League

Bill Roodenburg 7, Ryan Cole 1
Brian Cross 9, Sandy Cole 5
Paul Prentice 13, Russell Warning 3

Coming Events

There will be no junior curling on March 14 due to the March Break. The Junior Curling year-end bonspiel is scheduled for Sunday, March 24.

Parents and Sponsors are invited to join in a fun-filled day.

Other coming events include the Sweep Into Spring Ladies Bonspiel on March 22 and 23; the OCA Junior and Bantam Mixed Provincial Championships from April 3 - 6.



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Tuesday Afternoon League

(February 26)
High average: Ken Thompson 214; Mona Benn 190
High single: Bruce Ross 265; Sandy Ross 200
High single (handicap): Bruce Ross 306; Sandy Ross 260
High triple: John Pugh 771; Mona Benn/Betty Henderson 538
High triple (handicap): John Pugh 782; Betty Henderson 721

Wednesday Afternoon League

(February 26)
High average: Ken Thompson 218; Marie Thompson 188
High single: Avard Edwards 255; June Munns 261
High single (handicap): Syd

Lockhart 284; June Munns 315
High triple: Ken Thompson 690; Marie Thompson 578
High triple (handicap): Avard Edwards 727; June Munns 733

Thursday Afternoon League

(February 28)
High average: Bob Webb 207; Beverley Alexander 178
High single: Bob Webb 248; Beverley Alexander 208
High single (handicap): Barry Robb 262; Helen Skelding/Mary Colman 273
High triple: Bob Webb 622; Beverley Alexander 532
High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 697; Susan Robb 752

MINDEN BOWLING

Legion 636 Mixed League

(February 25)
High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Maxine Cross 161
High single: Neville Whiteside 230; Judy Kent 205
High single (handicap): Neville Whiteside 263; Judy Kent 265
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 589; Beryl Harrington 516
High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 670; Beryl Harrington 723

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 254; Cathy Snell 239
High single: Len Punt Sr. 302; Cathy Snell 260
High single (handicap): Len Punt Sr. 304; Mary Lou Packard 290
High triple: Scott Moore 720; Cathy Snell 721
High triple (handicap): Len Punt Sr. 724; Mary Lou Packard 711

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(February 21)
High average: Eddie Dykstra 197; Grace Chapman 186
High single: Ed Braithwaite 278; Grace Chapman 222
High single (handicap): Ed

Braithwaite 306; Jean Stead 268
High triple: Ed Braithwaite 625; Grace Chapman 583
High triple (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 709; Shirley Irwin 682

Monday Night Mixed Match Play

(February 18)
High average: Scott Moore 248; Cathy Snell 235
High single: Scott Moore 291; Cathy Snell 280
High single (handicap): Doug Schell 269; Michelle Moore 277
High triple: Scott Moore 765; Cathy Snell 687
High triple (handicap): Gord McAllister 723; Michelle Moore 724

Monday Night Mixed Match Play

(February 25)
High average: Scott Moore 248; Cathy Snell 233
High single: Scott Moore 294; Lisa Besner 254
High single (handicap): John Stephenson 316; Lisa Besner 304
High triple: Scott Moore 713; Michelle Moore 651
High triple (handicap): John Stephenson 786; Lisa Besner 698



Annual Rockbuster bonspiel rocks

A Event winners (top left)

Former Haliburton County resident Steve Colliver, of the Saybury Curling Club in Sudbury (left), skipped his team to the overall championship of the Minden Rockbuster 2002 Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. His team, from the left, included vice Brent Colliver, second Don Summers and lead Adrian Vander Wielen. Bonspiel organizer Rob Eaton (right) presented the Prentice Power Sports Trophy to the winners.

B Event winners (second from top)

The B Event title of the Minden Rockbuster Bonspiel went to the Newmarket rink of skip Rob Bell, vice Neil Paton, second Butch Wetham and lead Eric Doner (left to right). Rob Eaton, event organizer, presented the Minden Subaru Trophy.

C Event winners (bottom left)

The C Event winner of the Rockbuster Bonspiel was the Minden team of skip Dan Garbutt, vice Lee Denty, second Doug Ray and lead Jay Denty (left to right). The Sid Stamp Fuels Trophy was presented by bonspiel organizer Rob Eaton, right.

D Event winners (bottom right)

Minden Rockbuster Bonspiel organizer Rob Eaton skipped his rink to first place in the D Event. His team included, left to right, vice Harvey Kivela, second Paul Heffer and lead Tim Wright. They won the Dollo's IGA Trophy as D Event champions.



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The Minden rink of skip Edward Cyr, vice Jake Walker, second Connor Duhaime, lead Chantal Cyr and coach Ed Cyr won four games of the round robin.



Poster contest winners were, front left to right, alternate Tori Brown and vice Jason Loughheed. Back row (l to r): Second Tristan Ellis, Skip Brad Brown and lead Coral Pratt.

Minden teams shine at Timbits championships

Two teams of Junior curlers from the Minden Curling Club competed in the Tim Horton's Timbits Elementary School Curling Championships in Chesley (near Owen Sound) from February 21-24.

The Minden representatives started the weekend off by putting Minden on the map during the opening ceremonies when skip Brad Brown, vice Jason Loughheed, second Tristan Ellis, lead Coral Pratt and alternate Tori Brown, coached by Rawn Loughheed, earned first place in the School Sign Contest, competing against 80 school teams.

Minden's second team from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, including skip Edward Cyr, vice Jake Walker, second Connor Duhaime, lead Chantal Cyr and coach Ed Cyr also proved to be the pride of Minden, winning all four games of the H Pool Round Robin with a total score of 429 points, finishing the weekend as Arran-Elderslie Event finalists.

Both teams had a great time at the event and enjoyed the competition.

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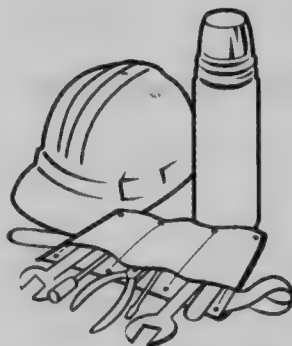
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Hyland Crest bears the marks of electric wheelchairs

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on Thursday. There was not a quorum so no formal decisions could be made.

Electric wheelchairs may make it easier for residents to get around, but they sure are hard on drywall.

At Hyland Crest, one room has had to be re-drywalled because of all the nicks and dents caused by an errant wheelchair. Two other rooms are in dire need for a fix-up, too.

To avoid having to repeatedly overhaul each room, the HHHS is considering whether to spend \$1,200 on each room to coat the lower walls with a hard vinyl protection. That's on top of the cost of the new drywall.

It would cost an additional \$10,000 to provide the same treatment to the corridor walls on one floor.

There has yet to be the same problem at Highland Wood, where residents are more mobile, but it's expected it will eventually have to be addressed in Haliburton as well.

Meanwhile, HHSS will install an automatic push-button door opener for the smoking room at Hyland Crest. This will allow residents to access the room without help from staff. CEO Foster Loucks says some of the residents who smoke have asked for a bigger room, but that request has been turned down.

No smoking

There might be a small room for smokers at Hyland Crest, but the HHHS will likely support a health unit initiative to ban smoking in all public places in the

Highlands, including bars and restaurants.

A board committee is recommending that the board send a letter to the health unit and county council endorsing the plan to reduce people's exposure to second hand smoke.

CEO search

An offer has been made to one of the board's two top choices as new CEO to replace Foster Loucks, who's retiring. An announcement on the successful candidate is expected soon.

VON day program

The VON's day program for the frail elderly has been so successful in Minden, a second day is being added. Now, on Mondays and Thursdays, elderly adults can spend the day in the supervised program while their spouses or caregivers get some respite. The program is offered at the Hyland Crest auditorium.

Diabetes funding

Thanks to provincial funding, the HHHS's Diabetes Education Network will be able to reduce the number of people on its waiting list.

There are currently 400 people who have received help with such things as how to control their diabetes through lifestyle changes, but there are 200 others who want the same opportunity. HHHS hopes to be able to reach them, either through one-on-one consultations or in group settings.

Meanwhile, there is also the Diabetes Prevention Project funded by the federal

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government to give people the information they need to try to prevent getting adult-onset diabetes.

That means watching

their diet and getting more exercise.

"It's a fairly significant problem in our area," says CEO Loucks, and "these programs have added a lot to the doctors' ability to deal with it."

New lab centre

The Ministry of Health has given the HHHS a licence to operate a specimen collection centre in the clinic area of the Minden site, due to open on April 3. Initially, it will operate for three mornings a week, relieving some of the pressure from emergency department staff who have been providing the service. Specimens will be transported to the MDS labs for processing.

"It's an important step forward," Loucks said.

An extra RPN with training in drawing blood will be hired to run the centre.

Union talks

Loucks has been unsuccessful in his bid to harmonize the two unions which represent staff: SEIU in Haliburton and part of the Minden facility and CUPE at Hyland Crest. His preference would be to have only one union represent all staff, but that vote can only take place if the current set up is shown to be dysfunctional.

Loucks suggested that if it wasn't possible to have all workers represented by one union, how about the unions representing various classifications of staff? This would have made it easier to have staff work at both sites, making the HHHS able to operate more efficiently and easily.

Even with the help of mediators and arbitrators from the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the suggestion fell flat. The issue can be re-opened any time in the next year, but no date of negotiations has been set.



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Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

IN THE MATTER of an application by the Minister of Transportation for approval to expropriate lands being: in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, now the Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton, in the Province of Ontario, for the purpose of providing sufficient land for the reconstruction of Kings's Highway No. 35 from the Victoria/Haliburton County boundary northerly 8.1 km to 0.3 km north of Clear Lake Road/Pineridge Road, and works related thereto.

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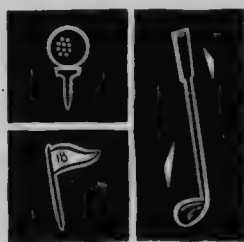
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Scoring results:

Recreation, those activities one chooses to do in his or her leisure time, can bring much satisfaction to the daily life of both an individual and the community. This column records but a few. As Katie Parker commented when calling in the weekly scores from The Friendship Club at St. Paul's "I think our club is well-named, for that's really what it's all about." Well said Katie.

Thursday, February 21 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Jean Scadden had most lone hands for the ladies and Pearl Cowen for the men. In the high score department, it was May Bradbury for the ladies and Barb Robitaille representing the gents. Marie Dennie and Todd Edgson held the low scores. Other prizes went to Marcel Roussel, Brenda DeGuire, John Mallon, Neville Whiteside and Carol Hill.

Friday, February 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In first with 64% were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher, followed by Stella McMillan and Ross Davies with 60%. Third place honours went to the duo of Reet Murray and Bill Sandford with 57%.

Saturday, February 23 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: In first with 300 points was Sharon Evans, followed by Gala Stamp with 282. Hidden score winners were Elli Langpohl, Georgina Deeks and Jack Chilton. There were nine moonshots, going to Elva



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Paisley, Pat Scadden, Rob Evans, Milton Fletcher, Margaret Fletcher, Verna McDonald, Mildred St. Thomas, Idella Gault and Sharon Evans. Ruth Kellett advises that there will be a Pot Luck Lunch on the third Saturday of each month, beginning on March 16, starting at noon, with cards to follow.

Monday, February 25 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For lone hands, Joyce Ritchie took the honours for the men and Lynn White for the ladies. High lady Pearl Cowen was joined by Jeanne Keliele representing the men. Hidden score winner was Kim Sharpe, while Ed Hisson and Lorna Hicks were low man/lady. Draw winners Bill Mosley and Betty Sharpe were more fortunate than Lorna Hicks and Joyce Ritchie who got skunked!

Monday, February 25 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Verna McDonald took first place, followed by Joe Rivers. Draws went to Pat and Jean Scadden, along with Maxine Cross.

Monday, February 25 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Loretta Lamb and Cliff Woolner with most lone hands, joined high lady Barb Robitaille and high man Harry Randall in the winners column. Grace Berardi and Garth Windsor were low lady/man. Andy Boivin took home a special prize along with Pearl Kernohan, who also won the baloney.

Monday, February 25 bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High scores went to Vic Balik and Kit Schroter while Jean Scadden, Isabel Cherwenka and Ruth Kellett each had a moonshot. Sharing the special prize were Marjorie Paradis and Bill St. Thomas.

Tuesday, February 26 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard results: High score winners were Betty Lockhart and Belle Walker with 361, Syd Lockhart and Verna Sawyer with 327 and George

Hamilton and Marvel Eager with 299. Beverley Alexander and Lottie Rutan took low score with 165.

Tuesday, February 26 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Marcel Roussel took first place, followed in order by Milton Fletcher, Esther Lee and Elli Langpohl. In the moonshot department, it was singles for Verna McDonald, Marcel Roussel, Marie Dennie and two for Ruth Kellett. Hidden score winners were Helen Henderson, Isabel Cherwenka and Pat Roussel. Best wishes go out to Anne Baker and Kevin Maloney.

Tuesday, February 26 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: Men's high score winner was George Bartley, while Jim Walters took low man. Betty Curry and Jan Walters were high and low lady. Congratulations to special winner Rita Crofts.

Tuesday, February 26 contract bridge at Stanhope: Congratulations to Harold Cox and Ross Fletcher on their slam. High scorers were, in first Harold Cox 7420, second Muriel McIntosh 5680, third Ross Fletcher 5380 and fourth Ray Moore 4450. Lucky draw winner was Diane Boll. And yes there was a special award presentation to Mrs. Frank Schlotter, ne Betty Bartl. The "BBBAB Award" was well deserved - standing for "Betty Bartl Bombed At Bridge."

Wednesday, February 27 euchre at Stanhope: In the moonshot department, winners were Milton Fletcher, Len Kroes, Pat Roussel, Muriel Harrington and Bill Milford. For the pinks, it was Barb Robitaille 351, Gala Stamp 315 and Trudy Kroes 297. Milton Fletcher 304, Stan Hill 276 and Len Kroes 272 were in the win column for the whites.

Wednesday, February 27 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: In North/South Stella McMillan and Ross Davies were victorious with 60%, followed by Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher with 57%. East/West winners were Kelly Metcalf and Bill Sandford with 55% and in second, Jacqueline Metcalf and Hal Beach at 53%.

Wednesday, February 27 euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Mildred St. Thomas took high lady honours and Isa Hilyer was low lady. For the gents it was Roger Fournier high scorer and Harold Harvie low. Bill St. Thomas was a double winner for lone hand and the special prize.



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County of Haliburton

Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street,
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Tender No. 2002-17

Rehabilitation of 5.3 kilometers on County Road No. 121 (North) From County Road No. 18 to the Allsaw Bridge

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until:

12:00 Noon local time on Friday March 22, 2002

The Tender Document has been prepared for bidding on two alternative treatments for the above noted section of roadway. The Tenderer may submit a bid on either of the two Alternative Treatments or for both.

'Alternative Process No. 1' comprises a 'Cold In-Place' recycling treatment whereby 75mm of the existing asphalt surface is milled and replaced with the equivalent depth of recycled material and overlaid with a 50mm HL4 Surface Course.

'Alternative Process No. 2' shall include In-Place processing of the existing asphalt surface and replaced with a new 90mm HL4 Asphalt Surface.

Furthermore, the scope of the work shall include a complete reconstruction of the Blairhampton Road intersection. The new features will improve vertical and horizontal alignment and incorporate the construction of a new turning lane. This work is to be considered as 'New' construction and will be carried out as part of both Alternative No. 1 and Alternative No. 2.

Tender Documents will be available, for viewing only, at local Construction Exchanges and the County of Haliburton Roads Department office.

For further information contact:
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For further information, contact Mr. Clayton Cameron, Public Works Superintendent, at telephone no.: (705) 286-1260.

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED

Tenders to be opened at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2002.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE

(File No. SRA-01-16)

Applicant - DON & KIM GOYNE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Snowdon.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7246, registered February 14, 2002.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 20th day of February, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario. K0M 2K0

Creative crafts come alive at Hyland Crest

Hello everyone. It's hard to believe that a week has gone by already. We've been keeping track of the goings on around here and we're ready to share them with you. So here goes... We left off last Thursday as we were getting ready for Tea Party, which was hosted by the Minden ACW. We always look forward to this event and savour the interesting companionship as well as the tasty treats that each group goes to the trouble of preparing. We very much appreciate the time and effort that goes into each event.

Friday we gathered in the Fireplace Lounge to pay our respects to Alice Prentice. We appreciate this opportunity, as many of us are unable to get out to services. Our condolences to Alice's family. We will all miss her presence.

That afternoon the Grandfathers and Leisa lightened our spirits with their music at Happy Hour. We have so many special people who come in and brighten our days, we are truly blessed with our volunteers. Thanks to all who made for a great afternoon.

Saturday was the big day for the men, as they gathered and feasted on spaghetti and meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, home-made bread and blueberry pie with whipped cream, if they wished. Sounds like quite a combination, but it was prepared by personal request by our Men's Club. We're sure we could get plenty of members if we opened this club to the public. Thanks again to Kim Warburton for all your help and great company. A special thanks to the dietary department for their help too.

Our ever faithful Norland Hillbillies were here once again to entertain us on Sunday. They do a stellar job of brightening up an afternoon and entertaining us with some great music and stories.

Our thanks to Rev. Burgess for his ever-faithful visits on Sundays. His prayers are enjoyed by many with his gentle hand and kind words. Our prayers are also with you.

Gord Kennedy was in on Monday to tickle the ivories. Gord plays beautifully and we enjoy singing along. Thanks Gord.

Our Tuesday Chapel Service was taken by Father Fellion. We enjoyed the service, which included a memorial for Alice Prentice.

We believe our crafty people have completed their projects for St. Patrick's Day and Easter as we have seen shamrocks and bunnies out and about. We thank our regular crafters, who do so much work to brighten things up in the theme of each occasion. Ruby Williams, Lilian Millar and Harold Osborne.

Our lucky lady of the Leisure Bath was

Shirley Shepherd, who thoroughly enjoyed the pampering and loved the bubbles.

The card sharks report the following. Mary Goldsmith and Roy Nichols (the card thieves) whipped Blanche Wright and Edna Trumbull, four games to one. Marj Watt and Alice Sedgewick won two games to one against Margaret Besse and Lilian Millar. Thanks to Sheila Burke and Jean Dutka for helping out - or shall we say refereeing?

The Gang was here Wednesday night for Pub Night. Leisa Allison was on guitar, Audrey Sedley played piano while

Don Birch played the harmonica and Don White played the fiddle. We had quite a time as Lilian Millar helped out on vocals

from time to time and Ed McKelvey certainly seemed to be enjoying himself with hands clapping and toes a tapping.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning we gather faithfully for exercises and afterwards enjoy a nice long walk throughout the building. We are looking forward to spring so we can expand our tours outdoors. With the odd sunny day lately our minds have been drifting towards more favourable climate times when we can open the doors and get out to our yard and gazebo once again.

We've been working at something a little different at Hyland Crest these days. We have been busy quilting and tying, an event that brings back memories of younger days. Our thanks to Lynn White for helping us as well.

Through the week we have been enjoying our regular programs such as Chicken Soup. Our usual participants are Mildred Gartshore, Eleanor Pye, Hilda Gregory, Mary Robinson and Hilda Gillespie. In this program, stories are read and memories recall happenings of yesteryears. It's a favourite of the staff who initiates the program; they enjoy listening and learning of the happenings of the past.

This past week we received some beautiful showcases to display our antique treasures that so many have donated over the years. We thank Derek Greer who built these beautiful treasure chests. It will be nice to have these precious items back out on display. They were put safely away when we moved and it has only been now that things have come together so we can all admire them once again. Do drop by and see them in the main entrance.

We thank you for joining us this week and expect to do it again next week, so until then, keep well and remember, wisdom has two parts: 1) Having a lot to say, 2) Not saying it.

We hope we haven't said too much! Until next week.

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• **Tuesdays:** C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Supper at C.H.A.C.E. Minden, 4 - 7 p.m. \$4 per family. Call ahead to reserve a spot, 286-1770.

• **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.

• **March 4:** Drop in for a game of Contract Bridge at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.

• **March 4:** Badminton at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Jr. Badminton 5:30 p.m., Adults 6:30 p.m. A loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Phone 766-9968 for more info.

• **March 4:** Alzheimer Society Support Group informal support meeting, Haliburton, Alzheimer Office at 4 York St., 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns. You are not alone. Refreshments provided. For info. call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.

• **March 4:** Snowball Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 7 p.m. Call 766-9968 for more info.

• **March 5 & 6:** Victoria Haliburton Soccer Travelling Team Registration at I.E. Weldon School, Lindsay, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We are trying to field a girls' team, ages 10 - 14 welcome. Registration also March 19 & 20 at the same time.

• **March 5:** The Hazelbrae-Barnardo House Memorial Group will meet at 1:30 p.m., Northminster Church, Sunset Blvd. Guest speaker will be Jim Leonard of the Peterborough Museum who will speak on the Balsillie Photo Collection. Everyone welcome. For info. Phone 742-7523.

• **March 6:** Wheels to Meals at Kei's in Haliburton, 12 noon. Enjoy a full meal for a guaranteed low price as well as a chance to meet new people. Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.

• **March 6:** Folk Art Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. with Linda Smith. Phone 766-9968 for more info.

• **March 6 - April 3:** Wednesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. JOB TALK. Learn to speak up in a job interview, free, make new contacts, call to register, 457-3412.

• **March 6:** The Laryngectomy and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting 2 - 3:30 p.m., at the Canadian Cancer Society, 727 Lansdowne St. W., Peterborough. CCS phone number is (705) 742-3823.

• **March 7:** Blood Donor Clinic, Lady MacKenzie Public School, 1746 Kirkfield Rd., Kirkfield, from 4 - 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 71 or, if a first-time donor, under the age of 61. Bring identification, must weigh at least 110 pounds. Phone 438-3371 for an appointment.

• **March 7:** Volleyball at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Jr. Volleyball, 5:30 p.m., Adults 6:30 p.m. A loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Phone 766-9968 for more info.

• **March 7:** Senior's Friendship Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 12 noon. Call Donna Nairn at 789-0876 for info. or to reserve.

• **March 7:** Drop in for a game of Checkers, 1 - 4 p.m., at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.

• **March 7:** L.I.F.T., Ladies in Fellowship Together at West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Theme: Good Things to Come. Feature: Framed, floral artwork with Sophia Tink. Music: Sisters and Co. Speaker: Gloria McMurray, Minden. Info. Call Alice, 754-2808, or Lyn, 457-3155.

• **March 8:** Yoga Class, with Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, 10 a.m., at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call Allie at 789-0367 for more info. or to register.

• **March 8:** Join Home Support for a game of Cribbage, at the Drop-in Centre, in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.

• **March 8:** Playgroup, a self-directed program open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Program offers toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Fridays, downstairs in the Dorset Recreation Centre, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call Elise at 766-1382.

• **March 9:** An introduction to Buddhist Teachings and Meditation with Mark Webber (K.T. Lekshe Yongdu). At the Dharma Centre of Canada retreat property, 1886 Galway Rd., Kinmount. Call 488-2704 to confirm your attendance and for directions. Two Saturdays: March 9 and April 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch or let us know if you will join us for lunch (\$8). Note: Mark Webber follows the ancient spiritual tradition of living by "Dana" (donations). A minimum donation of \$20 is suggested. Web site: www.dharmacentre.org

• **March 11:** Alzheimer Society Support Group informal support meeting, Haliburton, Extencare Activity Room, 1 - 2:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend and bring your concerns. You are not alone. Refreshments provided. For info. call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. NOTE: This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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March 23, 2002
Celebrate the end of winter by attending
Sir Sandford Fleming College's Fifth Annual Feast of Foods at Delta Pinestone Resort
This year, some of Haliburton's finest chefs will create a menu that invites you to come and **Taste the Future**
It will be an evening of indulgence, with a stunning menu to tempt our winter-starved palates. Tickets are \$100 per person, which includes a live auction. Taxable receipts will be issued, and tickets are limited.
To purchase tickets, please call the college at 457-1680

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MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURE SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING
March 5, 7:15 p.m.
Minden Community Centre
Guest Speaker: Sophia Tink of Sophia's Fashions in Flowers Ikebana Floral Artwork (Japanese form of flower arranging)
Lunch Theme: St. Pat's Snacks (Think Green!) Be creative! Everyone welcome!
Contact Nancy Garbutt, 286-1843

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Cobocok BIG BUCK BID EUCHRE
Wednesday, March 6, 2002
1st game starts at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch included, prepared by Ladies Auxiliary
Everyone welcome!

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260 SERVICES

STANHOPE SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION
March 19, 2002
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
and
March 23, 2002
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS
Ages 5 - 14
as of January 1, 2002
COST: \$20.00
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WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN: In Gert is open every Saturday and Sunday from March 2nd to April 28th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and tour the bush, enjoy taffy-on-snow (1:30 p.m. each day), enjoy a meal and view the production of maple syrup. A great family adventure. Call for more information, 286-3202. Fax: 1-705-286-3358. Please phone ahead for large groupings.

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWISS VITAMIN C-500. Bonus bottle 108 tabs. March Special. \$3.49/bottle. Marty's Health Foods, Heritage Plaza, Hwy. #35, Minden, 286-6192.

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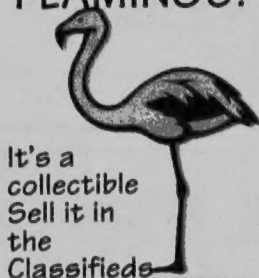
THE STANHOPE HERITAGE MUSEUM presents
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2nd Tuesday of each month at Club 35, Halls Lake at 7:00 p.m.
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March 12
"A River Runs Through it... and over it...and around it..."
It's not just another pretty stream...Brent Wooten from the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve will take us for an 'in-depth' look at the amazing world of streams that feed our lakes.
April 9
"A Dinosaur in Haliburton?"
Yup. Join members of the Haliburton Outdoors Association as they spin the tale of finding the 'Haliburton Gold', a 10,000 year-old type of fish - right here in the Highlands! Featuring displays and info about the Fish Hatchery and its importance in our community.
For more information, call Carol Moffatt at 489-3554

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440 THANK YOU

THE LOCHLIN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE thanks all our friends (athletic and otherwise), who attended our Final Fling. Your presence and your presents were much appreciated. A special thank you to Don Wright and his Candlelight Combo for their superb music. **Marg and Dave Skinner.**

Don't Fling that FLAMINGO!

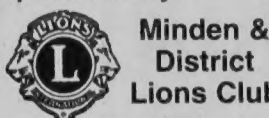


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Sunday, March 10, 2002
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460 OBITUARIES

JAMES ALEXANDER AUSTEN
Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton, on Thursday, February 21, 2002 at the age of 92.

Beloved husband of Ruth, dear father of James of Edmonton, Gordon and his wife Sharon of Illinois. Loving grandfather of David and Esther, Heather and Debbie, great grandfather of Kalee, Mycah, Austen, Ashlyn, Richard Jr. Dear brother of Allen, Nelson and predeceased by Jennie, Jack, Danny, Kate, Bob, Hugh, Ellen, Laura, Walter and Harry. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday. Funeral Service was held at the chapel on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 11 a.m. Spring interment at Minden Cemetery. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

VANDENBRINK, GERRY (President, Applied Stress Technology): At his residence on Sat. morning, February 23, 2002, in his 76th year. Beloved husband of Mariet Reynders. Loving father of Dean, Carmen and Peggy (Mrs. Robert Van Deel - Piepers). Also, lovingly remembered by his grandchildren. Dear brother of Ries Vandenbrink (Rite) of Holland. Predeceased by brother Dick, and sisters Adrie and Freda. Also, lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Gerry was a resident of Minden Hills. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209, on Monday evening, February 25, 2002, from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, February 26, 2002 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Bethel Church Pioneer Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

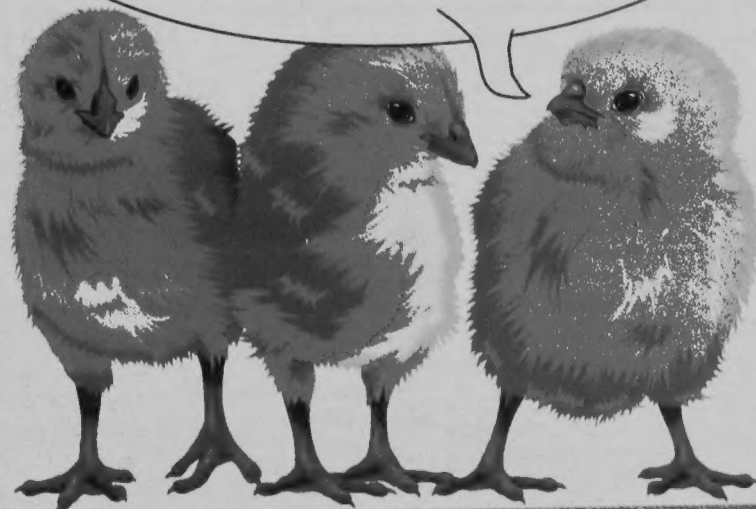
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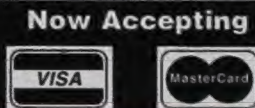
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The cost will be \$20.00 per person, which may be purchased at the store, or from members of the Haliburton & District Lion's Club, or HHHSF office.

Traditionally, the grand opening celebrations for other Garden Market Stores have been limited to family and friends.

However, the Park Family has decided to open the event to the community with all proceeds to benefit the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation in their continuing fundraising efforts.

The new Haliburton Garden Market IGA will open for shopping on Friday, March 15, 2002

For more information call 457-1580 or 286-1580

We sincerely thank Bob & Wendy Park and family for their generosity to health care and the Haliburton & District Lion's Club for their hard work.



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